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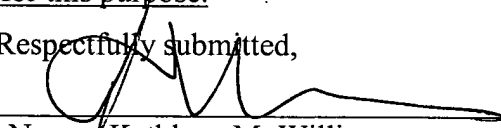
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 2, 2003, Applicants elect **Group 22**, Claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 8-30, 32, 34-36 and 46-61, relating to promoter MPr1217, for prosecution on the merits, with traverse.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner rejoin groups 4 and 21 to the elected group 22 for the following reasons.

The Examiner asserts that the sequences are considered unrelated since each sequence claimed is structurally and functionally independent and each of the sequences has a distinct nucleotide sequence. The Examiner also asserts that a search of more than one of the sequences claimed would present an undue burden on the Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants respectfully submit that the promoters MPr1128 (Group 4), MPr1216 (Group 21) and MPr1217 (Group 22) have at least one copy of a "G" box and an identical enhancer element. In view of the sequence similarities between these three promoters, a search of these three sequences would therefore not pose an undue burden on the Examiner. A search of the sequence and functional elements of any one of these promoters would identify all three of the

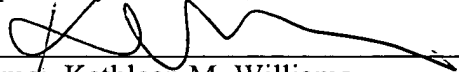
promoters of groups 4, 21 and 22. Applicants also note that the sequences of groups 4, 21 and 22 are classified in the same class and subclass.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of groups 4 and 21 to elected group 22.

This Response is being filed concurrently with a Petition for Extension of time and requisite fees are being submitted herewith. However, should any additional fees be required to ensure consideration of this response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 16-0085, Reference No. 18433/2022.

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